# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_\_\_

Green Branch Community park
Expansion, WSSC Tract Prince George's

County, (POS #3809-16-

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Form for PG #74B-2 submitted by
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County (POS #3809-16549, site of the W.W.W. Bowie House s determined ineligible for the of the Prince George's County
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### MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST NR-ELIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Continuation Sheet No. 1

PG: 74B-2

Structure 2 is a mid twentieth century tobacco barn. It is overgrown by trees and is located in a wooded area. It is 60 by 40 feet and rests on a cinder block foundation. The interior supports rest on poured concrete piers. All lumber is circular sawn and is fastened with wire nails.

Structure 3 appears to be a corn house that has been altered and repaired several times. It is 32 by 24 feet. There is a ten foot wide opening in each gable end. The interior foundation of the north half of the structure is two feet tall and is constructed of limonite (ironstone). The rest of the structure rests on concrete piers and cinder block. There is some hand worked lumber, however, the majority of the lumber is circular sawn. The roof is collapsed and the structure is very unstable.

Structure 4 is a mid-twentieth century tobacco barn that appears to have been built in three sections. It is 140 by 40 feet. The barn rests on both poured concrete and cinder block foundations. The interior supports rest on poured concrete piers, cinder blocks, and blocks of limonite. There is a 30 by 20 foot collapsed stripping house attached to the east side of the barn.

Structure 5 is a mid twentieth century tenant house. It is a 40 by 20 foot frame structure resting on poured concrete piers. All lumber is circular sawn and fastened with wire nails. The structure may have been a duplex, however, the interior walls have been demolished.

Structure 6 is mid twentieth century open garage or equipment shed. The three walls are cinderblock. All lumber is circular sawn and fastened with wire nails.

Structure 7 is a mid twentieth century tobacco barn. It is 100 by 36 feet. The barn rests on a cinder block foundation. The interior support posts rest on poured concrete piers. All lumber is circular sawn and is fastened with wire nails.

Prepared by: Donald K. Creveling Date Prepared: 6/15/01

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST CONTINUATION SHEET U.S. 301 SOUTH CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Property Name: Walter William Weems Bowie House Survey No.: PG:74B-2 (PACS A224)

Property Address 3705 Crain Highway Northeast, Bowie vicinity, Prince George's County	<del></del>
Owner Name/Address Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission	
Year Built_circa 1840	

#### **Description:**

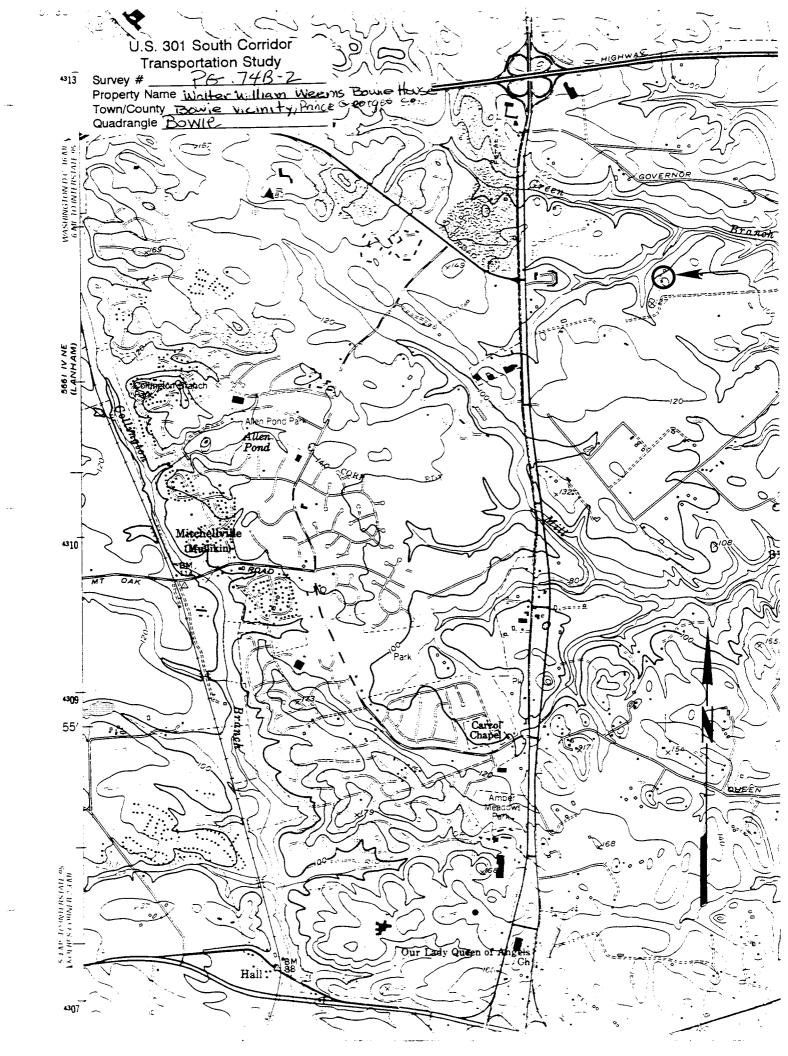
The Walter William Weems Bowie House was previously surveyed by the Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission in 1981 and 1988. According to the 1988 form the house was completely destroyed by fire in 1987. The property remains vacant.

#### National Register Evaluation:

The site of the William Walter Weems Bowie House is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as the structure is no longer extant and the site of the structure does not retain sufficient integrity to represent an important architectural trend or distinctive characteristics of a type or method of construction. Based upon the date of construction and the property type, there is a likelihood that an archaeological component could exist on the property. However, as no archaeological investigation has been conducted, the eligibility of the property under Criterion D cannot be assessed at this time.

MHT CONCURRENCE:  Eligibility recommended X not re  Criteria A B C D Co  Comments:	ecommended onsiderationsA	BCD _	EFGNone
Suzanne Pickens Reviewer, Office of Preservation Service	07/21/1997 ces Date	Reviewer, NR progra	7/21/97 am Date

Preparer: P.A.C. Spero & Company September 1996 Oug







Structure 1 Tobacco Barn Mag 2001 DK. Creveling



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Structure 2 Tobacco Barn Mas 2001 D.K. Creveling



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PG: 748-2 Structure 5 Tenant House Mos 2001 DK Creveling



PG:74B-2 Structure 6 Garage/Shed Mag 2001 DK Creveling



PG: 74B-2 Structure 7 Tobacco Born May 2001 DK Creveling

### PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

### HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #74B-2 Building Date: ca. 1840

Building Name: \_Walter William Weems House

Location: 3705 NE Crain Highway, Mitchellville, Maryland

Public/

/Ruins/Inaccessible

### Description

The Walter William Weems Bowie House was a three-part building: a main block joined to a kitchen wing by a low connecting section. The main block was side gabled, two-and-one-half stories high and frame, three bays by four bays. Entrance was in the first bay of the main south facade. The entire south facade was sheltered by a two-story veranda. There were two interior brick chimneys at the east gable end, and the foundation was of local iron-bearing stone. The floor plan was typical of local mid-nineteenth century plantation houses: side stairhall and double-parlors. The northmost section of the house was a small two-story single-room space, probably originally a free-standing kitchen building; it was built of stone, and covered with stucco. It was connected to the main block by a low two-story frame hyphen. The house stood in a knoll, surrounded by large and ancient trees, including some exotic specimens; it burned to the ground in the spring of 1987.

### **Significance**

The Walter William Weems Bowie House was a good example of a midnineteenth century frame plantation house. Built by a very prominent Prince Georgian, it was in the late 1970's the site of a sludge entrenchment operation, and was destroyed by fire in the spring of 1987. The house was built in the late 1830's by Walter William Weems Bowie on a tract known as Eglington; it incorporated a stone kitchen which may have predated the dwelling. Bowie, known locally as "3W" Bowie, was active in the Democratic Party, a progressive agriculturalist, and a leader in the planning and construction of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad through Prince George's County. In 1836, Bowie married Adeline Snowden of Montpelier, and it was at approximately this time that he began construction of the subject house. "3W" Bowie remained at Eglington through the vicissitudes of the Civil War, but lost the property in 1871 through foreclosure of his mortgage. After Bowie's loss, the property passed through a series of owners, including General John H. Horn, and the Phelps family. In 1980 the 316-acre property was purchased by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, and thirty acres east of the house were subsequently devoted to sludge entrenchment. In the spring of 1987, a serious fire started in the Bowie house. All that remains of the house today is a pile of rubble, including heavy hand-hewn beams and large chunks of local iron-bearing stone which composed the house foundation.

Acreage: 316.18 acres

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi	No.	
DOE	yes	no

1. Nam	e (indicate p	oreferred name)		
historic W.W.	W. Bowie House			
and/or common				
2. Loca	ation			
street & number	3705 N.E. Cra	in Highway (U.S. Rout	e 301)	not for publication
city, town Mitc	hellville	Governor's Bride	congressional district	5
state Mary	land	county	Prince George's	•
3. Clas	sification			•
Category  districtX_ building(s) structure site object	OwnershipX_ public private both Public Acquisition in process being consideredX not applicable	Status  occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible yes: restricted yes: unrestricted yes: unrestricted	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park park private residence religious scientific transportation X other:
4. Own	er of Prop	erty (give names a	and mailing addresse	s of <u>all</u> owners)
name WSSC				
street & number	4017 Hamilton St	reet	telephone n	o.:
city, town Hya	ttsville	state	and zip code MD	20781
5. Loca	ation of Le	gal Descripti	on	
courthouse, regi	stry of deeds, etc. Pri	nce George's County	Courthouse	liber 5296
street & number	Main Street			folio 39
city, town Up	oper Marlboro		state	Maryland
6. Rep	resentation	n in Existing	Historical Surv	eys
title Prince (	George's County Hi	storic Sites and Dis	tricts Plan	
date 1981			federal stat	te county local
depository for su	rvey records Prince	George's County Hist	oric Preservation Co	mmission c/o M-NCPP
city, town Uppe	er Marlboro	New -	state	MD

# 7. Description Survey No. P.G. #748-2

Condition		Check one	Check one	
excellent	deteriorated		_X original site	
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Walter William Weems Bowie House was a two-and-one-half story gable-roof house of the mid-nineteenth century. It was a three-part building: a main block joined to a kitchen wing by a low connecting section. The main block was side gabled, two-and-one-half stories high and frame, three bays by four bays. Entrance was in the first bay of the main south facade. The entire south facade was sheltered by a two-story veranda, with a plain railing balustrade at second level. The porch was supported by square panelled posts on the first story, and slim Tuscan columns on the second. There were two interior brick chimneys at the east gable end, and the foundation was of local iron-bearing stone. The floor plan was typical of local mid-nineteenth century plantation houses: side stairhall and double-parlors, each parlor warmed by a fireplace in its exterior gable wall.

The northmost section of the house was a small (circa 17 by 13 feet) two-story single-room space, probably originally a free-standing kitchen building. Its roof ridge was at right angles to that of the main block. This small kitchen section was built of stone, and covered with stucco.

The kitchen section was connected to the main block by a low two-story frame hyphen, two bays in length, and flush with the east gable end of the main block. A small shed-roof porch sheltered its east elevation.

The house stood in a knoll, surrounded by large and ancient trees, including some exotic specimens. It was originally approached by a farm lane which ran south and then west from Governors Bridge Road, and later by a private road (now closed) east from U. S. Route #301. The house burned to the ground in the spring of 1987.

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The house was built in the late 1830's by Walter William Weems Bowie on a tract known as Eglington. Bowie's new dwelling incorporated a stone kitchen which may have predated the dwelling: a 17 by 13 foot stone kitchen was listed in the 1798 Federal Direct Tax on the tract Eglington, then owned by Lucy Crabb.¹ Bowie, known locally as "3W" Bowie, was the son of Walter Bowie of Locust Grove (Collington). Born in 1814, Bowie began his education under Rector Stephen Tyng of the Forest Chapel (Holy Trinity, PG #71A-9), then studied law under his neighbor, U. S. Supreme Court Justice Gabriel Duvall of Marietta (PG #70-20), and went on to become a prominent attorney.² He was active in the Democratic Party, and was several times an (unsuccessful) candidate for General Assembly and Congressional seats.³ He was a progressive agriculturalist, active in local school and construction projects, and was a leader in the planning and construction of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad through Prince George's County.⁴

In 1836, Bowie married Adeline Snowden of Montpelier, and it was at approximately this time that he began construction of the subject house. Although be inherited Locust Grove at the time of his father's death in 1839, "3W" Bowie remained at Eglington, and Locust Grove became the home of his younger brother. "3W" Bowie remained at Eglington through the vicissitudes of the Civil War, but lost the property in 1871 through foreclosure of his mortgage. At that time the property was described as "lying on the public road from Governors Bridge to Upper Marlboro, being 8 miles from Millersville on the Annapolis and Elkridge Railroad, and 1-1/2 miles from the proposed station on the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad. Improved by an attractive dwelling house, beautifully located on a natural terrace, and surrounded by native and exotic evergreens and deciduous trees of every variety. Outbuildings are extensive and comfortable...."5

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After Bowie's loss, the property passed through a series of owners, including General John H. Horn, and the Phelps family. In 1980 the 316-acre property was purchased by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, and thirty acres east of the house were subsequently devoted to sludge entrenchment. Chain link fences were erected surrounding and protecting the house and entrenchment site, and the access lane from Route 301 was closed off. A new access road was constructed, entering from Governors Bridge Road (northeast of the house), and leading to the entrenchment site. The house itself was occupied by tenants at the time of the WSSC purchase, but was unoccupied after that time.

In the spring of 1987, a serious fire started in the Bowie house. Access to the property was difficult for the fire department, and by the time the fire engines reached the house, it was beyond salvage. All that remains of the house today is a pile of rubble, including heavy hand-hewn beams and large chunks of local iron-bearing stone which composed the house foundation.

The house of "3W" Bowie was designated an Historic Site at the time of the adoption of the <u>Historic Sites and Districts Plan</u>. Because of the prominence of "3W" Bowie, and because his house exemplified the social, agricultural and historical heritage of the County, it was an important historical resource in Prince George's County.

#### Notes:

- 1 Federal Direct Tax, Patuxent Hundred, 1798.
- Bowie, E. G., Across the Years in Prince George's County, 1975, pg. 771 ff.
- Bowie, op. cit., Planters' Advocate, 1851-61, passim.
- Bowie, E. G. op. cit., Planters' Advocate, 1851-61, passim; Van Horn, R. L. Out of the Past, 1976, pq. 321 ff.
- <sup>5</sup> Prince George's County Equity #595.
- 6 Cf. Chain of Title.
- <sup>7</sup> Interview, July 1987, with Rich Diemer of Maryland Environmental Services, the agency which manages the property for the WSSC; site visit with Mr. Diemer on 21 July 1987.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

**Survey No.** P.G.#74B-2

cf. chain of title
cf. Notes, Item 8

10. Geograp	hical Data		
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11. Form Pro	epared By	•	
name/title Susan G. Pea	arl, Research/Archi	itectural Hist	torian
organization P.G. Histor	ic Preservation Com	nmission	date June 1988
street & number C/o M-NCI	PPC		telephone 952-3521
city or town Upper Maril			state MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Maryland Historical Trust

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21 State Circle

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

(301) 269-2438

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## W.W.W. BOWIE HOUSE

## P.G. 9748-2

5084:154 6 Apr 1979 Deed	Henry C. Ellis & C. Calvert Lancaster, guard- ians of Helene G. Phelps to J.W. Rogers, Joseph M. Joyce et al, partners in Crown Grant Joint Venture; 4 parcels, including parcel #2, 230.7 acres which John and Helene Phelps ac- quired from Title Guarantee & Trust Co.
499:417 11 April 1938 Deed	fitle Guarantee & Frust Co to John Phelps et ux (Helene), 298 acres Eglington
499:416 11 Apr 1938 De∋d	John and Helene Phelps to fitle Guarantee and Trust Co., 298 acres Eglington
19:392 17 May 1904 Deed	Ida L. Turner, widow to John Phelps, 298 acres Eglington
13:97 15 Apr 1903 Deed	John Phelps, attorney, and Martha E. Horn to Ida L. Turner; default in mortgage from Strathman to Horn, public sale by Attorney Phelps, M.E. Horn highest bidder, so now Phelps (att'y) and Horn (highest bidder) sell all rights of M.E. Horn and William and Catherine Strathman in 294 acres of Eglington to Turner.
JB 4:481 1 Mar 1899 Mtg	William and Catherine Strathman to Martha E. Horn, 294 acres of Eglington
JB#4:476 1Mar 1899 Deed	Martha E. Horn to William and Catherine Strathman for \$5000, 294 acres of Eglington
JWB#41:413 19 Aug 1897 Deed	John W. Horn to wife Martha E. Horn (for natural love and \$5) 294 acres of Eglington
HB#5:84 1 Sept 1871 Deed	Bentley C. Bibb et ux to John W. Horn 294 acres Eglington (\$10,000)
HB#5:83 30 Aug 1871 Deed	John Glenn, trustee to Bentley C. Bibb, 294 acres Eglington where W.W.W. Bowie now resides, which he mortgaged to Bibb, and which he acquired from Benjamin Gantt; by virtue of equity case, Plummer vs W.W.W. Bowie, #595 (original papers lost)

EP#4:120 23 Nov 1870 Nog W.W. W. Bowle to Bentley C. Bibb, 293 acres Eglington, 2nd mortgage

H3-2:267 23 Har 1369 Hs

W.W.W. Bowie to Bentley C. Biob, 293 acres Eglington, to secure payment of Bowie's \$2500 debt to Bibb; land on which bowie lives

AB#11:345 10 Jan 1838 Deed

Thomas Pratt et ux to W.W.W. Bowie 390 acres of several tracts including Eglington acquired by Lucy Crabb from J. Watkins

AB#11:342 10 Oct 1837 Deed

Benjamin Gantt et ux to W.W.W. Bowie, all their interest in same land (390 acresof several tracts)

AB#2 183? Judg't

Purchased by Thomas G. Pratt at sheriff's sale, Edward Belt, sheriff, by case vs. Benjamin Gantt

AB#1 12 July 1828 Judg't

Furchased by Benjamin Gantt at sheriff's sale, case vs Mary S. Gantt

TT#1:44 8 Jan 1811 Will

Pestator, Lucy Crabb; to Mary Sprigg Gantt, all her right and title to the plantation where she now dwells . . .

JRM#13:683 25 Nov 1809 Deed Lucy Crabb to Mary Sprigg Gantt, 312 acres and 2 roods of Eglington, the appurtenances to be used by Lucy Crabb during her lifetime

ZRM#13:680 25 Nov 1809 Dead John B. Watkins, trustee, to Lucy Crabb; on 14 Mar 1795, Lucy Crabb bought out of the estate of William Hall of Benjamin, 312 acres 2 roods of Eglington; Thomas Duckett was trustee; Duckett died before executing conveyance, so now Watkins is appointed trustee to convey above land to Lucy Crabb.

## THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive Upper Marlboro, Maryland, 208702

July 21, 1987 RE

Mr. J. Whitson Rogers, President Arundel Enterprises, Inc. 602 South Hanover Street Baltimore, Maryland 21230

JUL 23 1987

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Thank you for your letter of June 28 regarding the W.W.W. Bowie House, a designated Prince George's County Historic Site.

Unfortunately, the house was burned to the ground by vandals this past spring, in spite of tall fences and locked gates that were erected by the WSSC. My staff had to make an appointment with the WSSC to visit the property because the original road access has been closed.

You are correct that the house had been unkept and unattended by the WSSC, and it apparently suffered from vandalism a number of times, in spite of the fencing.

I am distressed that the WSSC did not keep a tenant in the house and have written to the Chairman to convey my concern. It is regretable that a public agency did not take greater responsibility to maintain one of the County's designated historic sites.

I am also asking the County Historic Preservation Commission to require a report from all public agencies on the status and condition of historic properties that they own. We hope that the results of the report will identify any properties that are not being looked after, so that losses such as this one will not occur again.

Sinderely,

Thank you for your concern.

John W. Rhoads, Chairman Prince George's County

Planning Board

The Honorable Parris N. Glendening √J. Rodney Little, Director Maryland Historical Trust Joyce W. McDonald, Chairman, Historic Preservation Commission Robert P. Will, Chairman Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission

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# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey # _	74B-2 Date c.1840
Building Name W.W.W.	Bowie House
Location 3807 Crain	lighway, Mitchellville, Md.
Open to Public ye	x no

The "3W Bowie" house is a two-and-one-half story frame house with gable roof. The three bay main (south) facade has an entrance in the first bay; across this facade is a two story porch with balustrade on the second level, and bracketed posts on the first. At the east gable end are two interior chimneys. A wing extends north from the main house connecting it to a 17' by 13' stucco-covered kitchen wing whose gable is at right angles to that of the main house; there is a flush chimney at its north gable end. This smaller structure may be the stone kitchen reported (as 12' by 16') on Eglington in the 1798 federal tax assessment.

This large attractive farm house was the home of Walter William Weems Bowie, prominent public servant, attorney and agriculturist of the latter nineteenth century; it stands on a tract of land called Eglington. There had been a house on Eglington in 1798, when the tract was owned by Lucy Crabb, but only the stone kitchen may be incorporated in the present house. "3W Bowie" acquired the tract in 1837, and the house was built sometime after this. Although Bowie inherited his family home near Collington after his father's death in 1839, he remained at Eglington through the vicissitudes of the Civil War, and lost it in 1871 through mortgage foreclosure. Bowie had studied under his near neighbor Justice Gabriel Duvall and became a prominent attorney he was several times an (unsuccessful) Democratic candidate for General Assembly and Congressional seats. He was an important agriculturist and active in the construction of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad.

The house is significant because of Bowie's prominence; it is currently endangered by the planned entrenchment of sludge on the 173 acres adjoining it.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

NAME		
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W.W.W. Bowie House	(Eglington)	
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LOCATION		
STREET & NUMBER 3807 Crain Hig	ghway	
CITY. TOWN Mitchellville		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE	VICINITY OF	5 COUNTY
Maryland		DG
CLASSIFICATION		
CATEGORY OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENTUSE
DISTRICTPUBLIC	_OCCUPIED	AGRICULTUREMUSEUM
X_BUILDING(S) X_PRIVATE	MUNOCCUPIED	COMMERCIALPARK
STRUCTUREBOTH	WORK IN PROGRESS	EDUCATIONALPRIVATE RESIDENCE
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#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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1500-1599	X_AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE
1600-1699	X_ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	_SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
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SPECIFIC DATES late 18th c., mid 19thBuilder/ARCHITECT

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This large attractive farm house was the home of Walter William Weems Bowie, prominent public servant, attorney and agriculturist of the latter nineteenth century; it stands on a tract of land called Eglington. There had been a house on Eglington in 1798, when the tract was owned by Lucy Crabb, but only the stone may be incorporated in the present house. 1 "3W Bowie" acquired the tract in 1837, 2 and the house was built sometime after this. Although Bowie inherited his family home (on Darmall's Grove near Collington) after his father's death in 1839, he remained at Eglington through the ... the Civil War, and lost Eglington in 1871 through mortgage foreclosure.

Duvall and became a prominent attorney; he was several times an (unsuccessful) Democratic candidate for General Assembly and Congressional seats. He was an important agriculturist and active in the construction of the Baltimore and Potomac Rail-road.

The house is significant because of Bowie's prominence; because it was surrounded during Bowie's residence with a remarkable collection of native and exotic trees. It is currently endangered by the planned entrenchment of sludge on the 173 acres adjoining it.

- 1. 1798 Federal Direct Tax, Prince George's County
- 2. P.G.C. Deeds AB#11:342
- 3. P.G.C. Equity #595

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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# CHAIN OF TITLE W.W.W. BOWIE HOUSE P.G. #74B-2

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Henry C. Ellis & C. Calvert Lancaster, guardians of Helene G. Phelps to J.W. Rogers, Joseph M. Joyce et al, partners in Crown Grant Joint Venture; 4 parcels, including parcel #2, 230.7 acres which John and Helene Phelps acquired from Title Guarantee & Trust Co.

499:417 11 April 1938 Deed Title Guarantee & Trust Co to John Phelps et ux (Helene), 298 acres Eglington

499:416 11 Apr 1938 Deed John and Helene Phelps to Title Guarantee and Trust Co., 298 acres Eglington

19:392 17 May 1904 Deed Ida L. Turner, widow to John Phelps, 298 acres Eglington

13:97 15 Apr 1903 Deed John Phelps, attorney, and Martha E. Horn to Ida L. Turner; default in mortgage from Strathman to Horn, public sale by Attorney Phelps, M.E. Horn highest bidder, so now Phelps (att'y) and Horn (highest bidder) sell all rights of M.E. Horn and William and Catherine Strathman in 294 acres of Eglington to Turner.

JB#4:481 1 Mar 1899 Mtg William and Catherine Strathman to Martha E. Horn, 294 acres of Eglington

JB#4:476 1Mar 1899 Deed Martha E. Horn to William and Catherine Strathman for \$5000, 294 acres of Eglington

JWB#41:413 19 Aug 1897 Deed John W. Horn to wife Martha E. Horn (for natural love and \$5) 294 acres of Eglington

HB#5:84 1 Sept 1871 Deed Bentley C. Bibb et ux to John W. Horn 294 acres Eglington (\$10,000)

HB#5:83 30 Aug 1871 Deed John Glenn, trustee to Bentley C. Bibb, 294 acres Eglington where W.W.W. Bowie now resides, which he mortgaged to Bibb, and which he acquired from Benjamin Gantt; by virtue of equity case, Plummer vs W.W.W. Bowie, #595 (original papers lost)

Chain of Title PG-W.W.W. Bowie house, 74B-2 continued

HB#4:120 23 Nov 1870 Mtg W.W.W. Bowie to Bentley C. Bibb, 293 acres Eglington, 2nd mortgage

HB#2:267 23 Mar 1869 Mtg W.W.W. Bowie to Bentley C. Bibb, 293 acres Eglington, to secure payment of Bowie's \$2500 debt to Bibb; land on which Bowie lives

AB#11:345 10 Jan 1838 Deed Thomas Pratt et ux to W.W.W. Bowie 390 acres of several tracts including Eglington acquired by Lucy Crabb from J. Watkins

AB#11:342 10 Oct 1837 Deed Benjamin Gantt et ux to W.W.W. Bowie, all their interest in same land (390 acresof several tracts)

AB#2 183? Judg't Purchased by Thomas G. Pratt at sheriff's sale, Edward Belt, sheriff, by case vs. Benjamin Gantt

AB#1 12 July 1828 Judg't Purchased by Benjamin Gantt at sheriff's sale, case vs Mary S. Gantt

TT#1:44 8 Jan 1811 Will Testator, Lucy Crabb; to Mary Sprigg Gantt, all her right and title to the plantation where she now dwells . . .

JRM#13:683 25 Nov 1809 Deed Lucy Crabb to Mary Sprigg Gantt, 312 acres and 2 roods of Eglington, the appurtenances to be used by Lucy Crabb during her lifetime

JRM#13:680 25 Nov 1809 Deed John B. Watkins, trustee, to Lucy Crabb; on 14 Mar 1795, Lucy Crabb bought out of the estate of William Hall of Benjamin, 312 acres 2 roods of Eglington; Thomas Duckett was trustee; Duckett died before executing conveyance, so now Watkins is appointed trustee to convey above land to Lucy Crabb.

#### MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

# NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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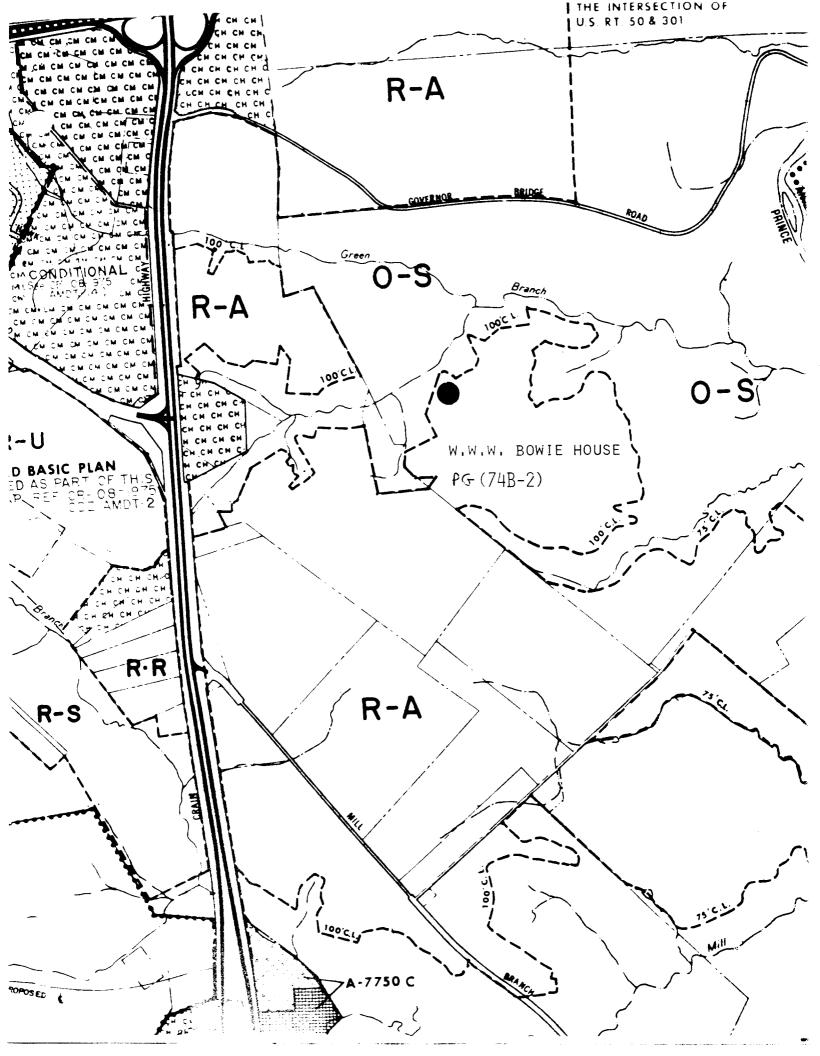
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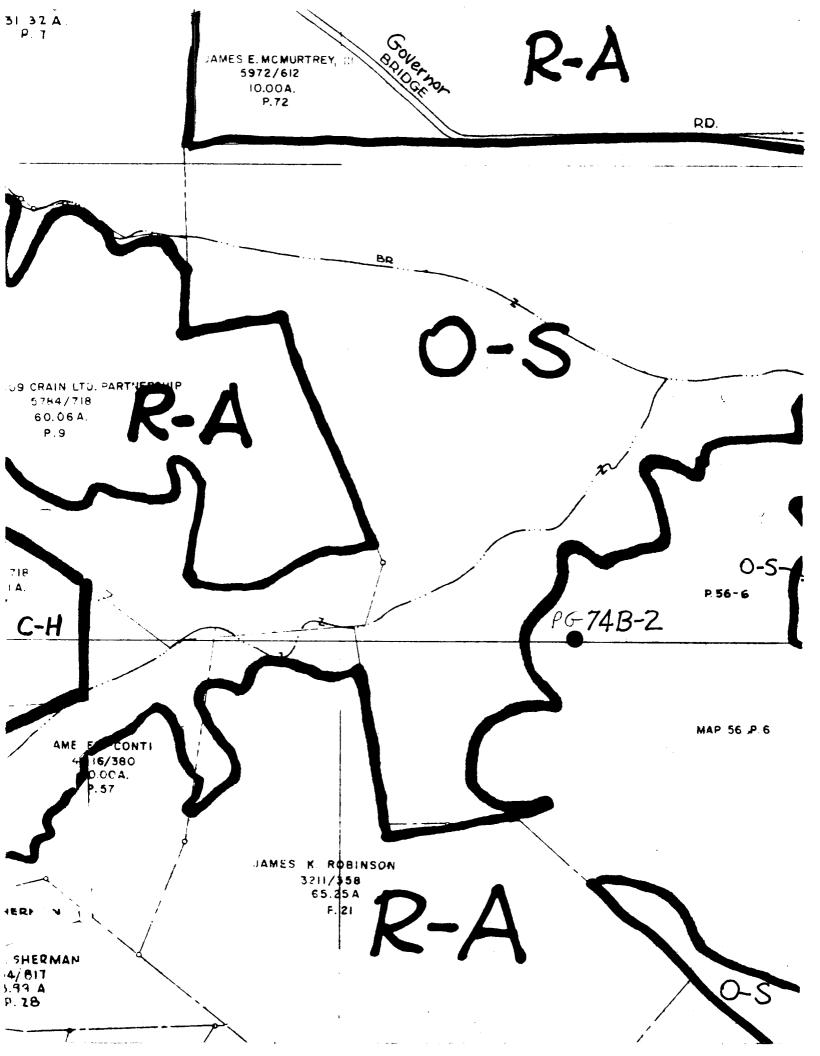
The house is a two story, Federal house with a three bay facade. The doorway in the west bay has a narrow transom light. The windows are 6/6 double hung sash. Across the facade is a two story porch with square, bracketed posts. At the east end there are two internal chimneys. The sheathing is clapboard.

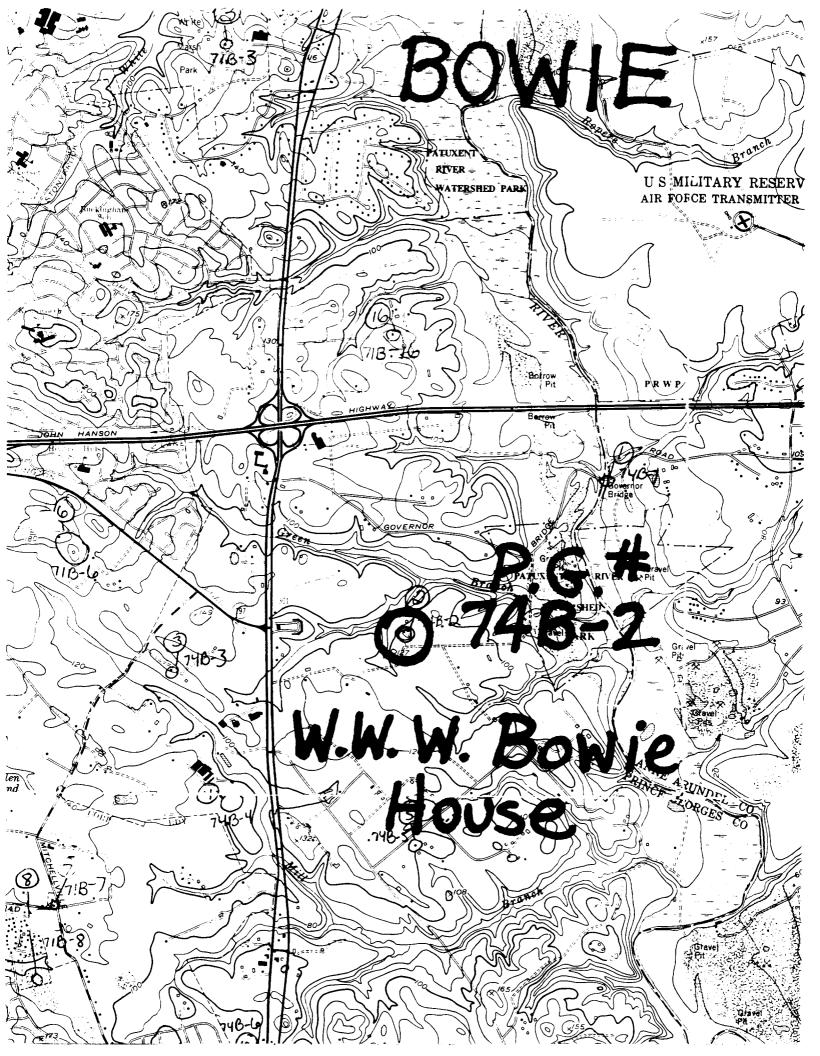
On the north is a two story wing that may be older than the main house. It has a central doorway and flanking windows with 6/6 double hung sash. On the north end is a flush gable chimney. The present stucco hides the original materials.

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